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1-NEWSPAPAERS

WASHINGTON POST -- OBERDORFER FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER DELIVERED A STRONG MESSAGE TO  
SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV YESTERDAY, PROTESTING BOTH  
THROUGH PUBLIC REMARKS AND PRIVATE DIPLOMATIC CHANNELS  
THE TRIALS OF DISSIDENTS GINZBURG AND SHCHARANSKY."

OTHER POINTS:

-VANCE CONVEYED A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT  
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TO BREZHNEV; HODDING CARTER REFUSED TO DISCLOSE ITS  
CONTENTS.

-IN AN INTERVIEW RELEASED IN WASHINGTON, THE PRESIDENT  
CONDEMNED THE TRIAL OF SHCHARANSKY AS "AN ATTACK ON  
EVERY HUMAN BEING...WHO BELIEVES IN FREEDOM."

-BOTH VANCE AND GROMYKO SAID IT WAS TOO EARLY TO TELL

IF THEY WOULD BE ABLE TO MAKE PROGRESS TOWARD  
CONCLUDING SALT.

-SPOKESMAN CHARACTERIZED THE TALKS AS "BUSINESSLIKE

AND SERIOUS."

-PIECE DETAILS EXCHANGE BETWEEN GROMYKO AND MARVIN KALB.

-MEMBERS OF THE US PARTY WERE IRRITATED BY YOUNG.S REMARKS AND FEARED THEY WOULD UNDERCUT VANCE.S EFFORTS TO MAKE A STRONG HUMAN RIGHTS PROTEST. IN AN UNUSUAL ACTION, SPOKESMAN REBUTTED YOUNG.S STATEMENTS POINT BY POINT.

-TALKS ARE SCHEDULED FOR THIS MORNING AND FOR THIS AFTERNOON IF NECESSARY. IN ADDITION TO SALT, AFRICA AND THE MIDDLE EAST WILL BE DISCUSSED.

NYT -- GWERTZMAN FROM GENEVA

LEAD: " SECSTATE VANCE CONFERRED FOR MORE THAN FOUR HOURS WITH FONMIN GROMYKO IN AN EFFORT TO NARROW DIFFERENCES BLOCKING A NEW TREATY LIMITING STRATEGIC ARMS. HE THEN CONVEYED TO MR. GROMYKO A MESSAGE FOR BREZHNEV EXPRESSING PRESIDENT CARTER.S CONCERN OVER THE FATE OF SHCHARANSKY, THE DISSIDENT ON TRIAL IN MOSCOW."

OTHER POINTS:

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-THE IMPACT OF THE ADMINISTRATION.S INDIGNATION OVER THE TRIALS WAS DILUTED BY YOUNG.S STATEMENTS. HODDING CARTER SAID THE SECSTATE DID NOT SHARE YOUNG.S VIEW ABOUT POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE US.

-BOTH VANCE AND GROMYKO WERE INTENT ON AVOIDING ACRIMONY OVER SHCHARANSKY CASE. VANCE SAID THAT THE MATTER HAD BEEN "TOUCHED ON" IN THE DISCUSSIONS. BUT CARTER.S ORAL MESSAGE MESSAGE TO BREZHNEV HAD BEEN PASSED ON.

-THE "EXHAUSTIVE, EXTENSIVE" DISCUSSIONS WERE DISCRIBED AS "BUSINESSLIKE AND SERIOUS."

-A MAJOR EFFORT WAS MADE TO TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM OF NEW MISSILES. OFFICIALS SAID THAT POSSIBLE COMPROMISES SUCH AS ALLOWING TESTING WITHOUT DEPLOYMENT WERE DISCUSSED.

WSJ -- NO HOUSE

CSM -- SOUTHERLAND FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "THE LATEST ROUND OF HIGH-LEVEL US-SOVIET

TALKS HAS BEGUN ON A NOTE OF LOW EXPECTATIONS - DESPITE SOME SERIOUS NEGOTIATING - WITH HUMAN RIGHTS THREATENING TO OVERSHADOW THE ARMS CONTROL PART OF THE MEETINGS."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE SOVIETS GAVE THE IMPORESSION THAT THEY DO NOT WANT TO ENGAGE IN IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE TRIALS; GROMYKO SAID THAT HE DID NOT WANT TO TALK TO REPORTERS ON THE TOPIC.  
-AMB. YOUNG TOLD SOUTHERLAND THAT AMERICAN PROTESTS OVER THE TRIALS WOULD HAVE THE IMMEDIATE EFFECT  
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OF INCREASING THE HARSHNESS OF THE SENTENCES HANDED DOWN, BUT THAT THE US WAS CORREET TO SPEAK OUT. YOUNG THOUGHT THE SOVIETS WOULD EVENTUALLY BOW TO INTERNATIONAL PRESSURE.  
-WILLY BRANDT TOLD THE LONDON TIMES THAT A LOW-KEY APPROACH WHICH DOES NOT PUT SOVIET PRESTIGE ON THE LINE WORKS BEST.  
-THE US PUT FORWARD A NEW PROPOSAL TO TEST AND DEVELOP A MOBILE MISSILE.  
-THE LENGTH OF THE AFTERNOON SESSION WAS COINSIDERED TO BE A GOOD SIGN.

BOSTON GLOBE -- BEECHER FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE YESTERDAY OFFERED THE SOVIETS A NEW SALT PROPOSAL DESIGNED TO PRESERVE AMERTICA.S OPTION TO TEST AND DEPLOY A LARGE, MOBILE, MULTIPLE-WARHEAD MISSILE DURING THE SEVEN-YEAR LIFE OF THE PROJECTED TREATY."

OTHER POINTS:

-DURING A PRIVATE MEETING, VANCE GAVE GROMYKO A MESSAGE FOR BREZHNEV FROM THE PRESIDENTS; HODDING CARTER REFUSED TO DISCUSS THE CONTENTS.  
-MORE TIME THAN WAS EXPECTED WAS DEVOTED TO THE QUESTION OF THE TESTING AND DEPLOYMENT OF NEW MISSILES DURING THE LIFE OF SALT II.  
-THE OPTIONS TO DEVELOP LARGER MISSILES AND TO USE MULTIPLE AIM POINT SYSTEM ARE NECESSARY BECAUSE OF THE GROWING VULNERABILITY OF US ICBMS.

-IT COULD NOT BE DETERMINED IF THE SOVIET EXPOSITION  
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OF VIEWS COVERED THE MAP SYSTEM AS WELL AS THE NEW MISSILE PROPOSAL.

BOSTON HERALD AMERICAN -- WALLACH FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "PRESIDENT CARTER - IN HIS FIRST USE OF ECONOMIC SANCTIONS TO PROTEST THE TRIALS OF SHCHARANSKY AND OTHER SOVIET DISSIDENTS - HAS VETOED THE PROPOSED SALE BY SPERRY RAND OF A MULTIMILLION DOLLAR UNIVAC COMPUTER SYSTEM TO TASS, THE OFFICIAL SOVIET NEWS AGENCY."

OTHER POINTS:

-SENIOR US OFFICIALS SAID THE PRESIDENT DELIBERATELY DECIDED TO BAN THE COMPUTER SALE PRIOR TO SHCHARANSKY'S SENTENCING. THE DECISION IS THE FIRST OF A NUMBER EXPECTED TO BE ANNOUNCED BY THE WHITE HOUSE TODAY.  
-HODDING CARTER SAID THE US IS "REVIEWING OTHER ASPECTS OF OUR RELATIONS WHICH ARE INTENDED TO EXPAND UNDERSTANDING." THIS HINTED AT REDUCING THE NUMBER AND PRIVILEGES OF SOVIET NEWSMEN IN THE US.  
-OFFICIALS SAID THAT THE SALES BAN AND OTHER STEPS WOULD DISPEL IMPRESSIONS THE SOVIETS MAY HAVE GOTTEN FROM AMB. YOUNG'S REMARKS. VANCE WAS DESCRIBED AS "FUMING" OVER THE YOUNG COMMENTS.  
-HODDING CARTER COMPLETELY DISASSOCIATED VANCE FROM THE REMARKS AND UNDERSCORED US CONCERN ABOUT THE TRIALS.

WASHINGTON STAR -- BRADSHAW FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE RAISED THE SUBJECT OF DISSIDENT TREATMENT WITH HIS SOVIET COUNTERPART SOMEWHAT LIKE A DOSE OF DISAGREEABLE MEDICINE THAT THE US FELT IT HAD TO ADMINISTER TO AN UNHEALTHY RELATIONSHIP  
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WITH MOSCOW."

OTHER POINTS:

-YESTERDAY VANCE RAISED THE ISSUE WITH GROMYKO IN A PRIVATE SESSION. HE ALSO PASSED ON A MESSAGE FROM CARTER TO BREZHNEV. TODAY HE PLANS TO MEET WITH MRS. SHCHARANSKY.  
-GROMYKO IS BELIEVED TO HAVE TOLD VANCE THAT THE MATTER OF DISSIDENTS IS AN INTERNAL AFFAIR OF THE USSR. HE REFUSED TO ANSWER REPORTER'S QUESTIONS ON THE SUBJECT.  
-THE SALT TALKS WERE OVERSHADOWED BY THE MATTER OF THE DISSIDENTS.  
-VANCE STATEMENTS AFTER YESTERDAY'S MEETINGS INDICATED THAT EACH SIDE WAS STAKING OUT POSITIONS ON THE DIFFERENCES THAT STILL BLOCK SALT. THERE WAS NO HINT OF PROGRESS IN RESOLVING THOSE DIFFERENCES.

2-WIRES

UPI -- JOHN CALCOTT FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "TWO DAYS OF TALKS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATION  
BY SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO ENDED TODAY  
WITH APPARENTLY NO BREAKTHROUGH."

OTHER POINTS:

-AT THE CONCLUSION OF THE THIRD SESSION, GROMYKO  
SAID THE TALKS WERE "USEFUL BUT NO CONCLUSIVE."  
VANCE MADE NO STATEMENT.  
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-VANCE WAS TO LUNCH WITH AMB. YOUNG. VANCE TOLD  
REPORTERS HE DISAGREED WITH YOUNG'S COMMENTS  
AND SAID HE HAD EXPRESSED HIS DISPLEASURE.

AP -- NO BYLINE FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "SECSTATE VANCE AND SOVIET FONMIN GROMYKO WOUND  
UP TWO DAYS OF TALKS WITH NO SIGN OF BREAKTHROUGH  
TOWARD A NEW AGREEMENT."

OTHER POINTS:

-VANCE CHARACTERIZED THE MEETINGS AS USEFUL;  
GROMYKO SAID THEY WERE USEFUL BUT NOT CONCLUSIVE.  
-THE TWO WILL MEET LATER TO DISCUSS THE MIDDLE EAST  
AND OTHER TOPICS. THERE WERE REPORTS THAT THEY WOULD  
ANNOUNCE ANOTHER ROUND OF TALKS IN NEW YORK IN  
SEPTEMBER.

AP ALSO RAN A PIECE WITH THE LEAD THAT "SECSTATE  
VANCE SAID TODAY THAT HE HAS CHASTISED UN AMB. YOUNG..."

REUTERS -- GUTMAN FROM GENEVA

LEAD: "THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION PRESSED  
ON TODAY WITH THEIR TALKS ON STRATEGIC ARMS LIMITATIONS,  
AGAINST THE BACKGROUND OF A HEATED WAR OF WORDS OVER THE

TRIALS OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY  
AND ALEXANDER GINZBURG."

OTHER POINTS:

-THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION APPEARED IN SOME DISARRAY  
OVER THE HARD LINE TAKEN BY THE PRESIDENT AND  
VANCE. UN AMB. YOUNG APPEARED TO UNDER CUT THEM.

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-SPOKESMAN HODDING CARTER DISAGREED WITH YOUNG.S  
COMMENTS.

3-NETWORKS

CBS - KALB FROM GENEVA

-THE SETTING CHANGED THIS MORNING TO THE HEAVILY GUARDED  
SOVIET MISSION BUT THE CAST OF CHARACTERS WAS THE SAME,  
SO WAS THE TOPIC, BOTH MINISTERS, AFTER THE RITUALISTIC  
POSING FOR CAMERAMEN, THE STRAINED CONVIVIALITY MAKING  
THIS MAJOR EFFORT TO REACH AN UNDERSTANDING ON ONE OF THE  
TWO REMAINING ISSUES HOLDING UP AN AGREEMENT, NAMELY DE-  
FINING AND THEN CONTROLLING NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS SO THAT  
THE STRATEGIC BALANCE BETWEEN THE TWO SUPERPOWERS IS NOT  
DISTURBED. THE OTHER UNRESOLVED PROBLEM RELATES TO THE  
SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER, A PROBLEM THAT NEEDS A SUMMIT TO  
SOLVE.

-IN ADDITION TO THE SALT TALKS, VANCE INTENDS TO DISCUSS  
THE LATEST FAST MOVING DEVELOPMENTS ON THE MIDDLE EAST, -  
THE RUSSIANS ARE COCHAIRMAN OF THE CONFERENCE. EVEN  
ACCOUNTING FOR THE POSSIBILITY FOR PROGRESS ON THE SALT  
NEGOTIATION, OFFICIALS FRANKLY ADMIT CHANCES ARE DIM FOR  
GETTING A DEAL ANYTIME SOON PRINCIPALLY BECAUSE OF POLIT-  
ICAL PROBLEMS SUCH AS THE SHCHARANSKY TRIAL WORSENING  
SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS.

ABC - DUNSMORE FROM GENEVA

-THE VANCE-GROMYKO TALKS WENT INTO THEIR SECOND DAY WITH  
OUTWARD APPEARANCES STILL VERY FRIENDLY. HAVING DELIVERED  
PRESIDENT CARTER'S MESSAGE TO GROMYKO YESTERDAY, SECRETARY  
VANCE HAS PROBABLY CONCLUDED HIS PITCH TO THE SOVIETS ON  
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HUMAN RIGHTS. OFFICIALS WERE SAYING VERY LITTLE ABOUT  
THAT MESSAGE EXCEPT THAT IT DEALT WITH SHCHARANSKY AND  
THAT IT CONVEYED THE THOUGHT THAT THE TRIALS AGGRAVATE THE  
US-SOVIET RELATIONSHIP WHICH IN TURN MAKES SENATE RATIF-  
ICATION OF ANY NEW SALT AGREEMENT MUCH MORE DIFFICULT.

-AS FOR THE ARMS TALKS THEMSELVES, US OFFICIALS ARE INDI-  
CATING PRIVATELY THAT THERE WILL BE NO BREAKTHROUGHS ON  
THE REMAINING OBSTACLES. THEY SAY NONE WERE EXPECTED.

THESE OFFICIALS DO GIVE THE IMPRESSION, HOWEVER, THAT  
SOME PROGRESS IS BEING MADE.

-MEANWHILE THE WIFE OF SOVIET CITIZEN SHCHARANSKY IS HERE  
IN GENEVA. LAST NIGHT THERE WAS A SPECIAL SERVICE FOR HER

IN A LOCAL SYNAGOGUE. TODAY SHE WILL BE SEEING SECRETARY VANCE AND WILL ALSO BE HOLDING A NEWS CONFERENCE.

NBC - COCHRAN FROM GENEVA

-TODAY THE AMERICANS WERE THE VISITING TEAM. THE AMERICAN DELEGATION WENT TO THE SOVIET MISSION IN GENEVA FOR THE FINAL AND DECISIVE ROUND OF TALKS. SO FAR THOSE TALKS HAVE NOT BEEN A SUCCESS. AN AGREEMENT ANY TIME SOON ON LIMITING NUCLEAR ARMS SEEMS UNLIKELY. BIG PROBLEMS REMAIN IN RESOLVING WHAT TO DO ABOUT THE SOVIET BACKFIRE BOMBER AND ABOUT NEW MISSILE SYSTEMS FOR BOTH COUNTRIES. FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO AND SECRETARY OF STATE VANCE WERE STILL CORDIAL TO EACH OTHER, BUT SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS ARE AT THE RAGGED EDGE NOT ONLY BECAUSE OF DIFFERENCES OVER STRATEGIC WEAPONS BUT BECAUSE OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S SUPPORT OF SOVIET DISSIDENTS.

-AFTER VANCE AND GROMYKO FINISHED THEIR TALKS WHICH WILL PROBABLY BE SOMETIME THIS AFTERNOON, VANCE WILL MEET THE WIFE OF ANATOLY SHCHARANSKY, THE DISSIDENT NOW ON TRIAL IN RUSSIA ON A CHARGE OF TREASON. MRS. SHCHARANSKY WILL ASK THAT PRESIDENT CARTER DEMAND HER HUSBAND'S RELEASE. BUT MR. CARTER HAS ALREADY SAID THAT SHCHARANSKY WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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NEVER INVOLVED WITH -THE CIA, AND AMERICAN OFFICIALS SAY THAT'S ABOUT ALL THAT PRESIDENT CARTER CAN DO FOR SHCHARANSKY.

CBS RADIO - KALB FROM GENEVA

-SECRETARY VANCE GAVE FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO A PERSONAL MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER FOR SOVIET PRESIDENT BREZHNEV. IF FOCUSED ON THE SHCHARANSKY CASE AND IT URGED LENIENCY. IT IS NOT RULED OUT HERE BY US OFFICIALS THAT SHCHARANSKY MAY ONE DAY BE EXCHANGED FOR A SOVIET OFFICIAL STILL BEING HELD IN THE UNITED STATES, THOUGH THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION IS NOT HAPPY ABOUT THIS KIND OF ARRANGEMENT BECAUSE IT IMPLIES THAT SHCHARANSKY WAS OR IS AN AMERICAN SPY AND PRESIDENT CARTER HAS POINTEDLY AND PERSONALLY STATED THAT THIS IS NOT TRUE.

-SHCHARANSKY'S WIFE AVITAL, HERE FOR A MEETING WITH SECRETARY VANCE IS THINKING ABOUT ASKING FOR A MEETING WITH PRESIDENT CARTER, TOO WHEN THE PRESIDENT REACHES WEST GERMANY FOR AN ECONOMIC SUMMIT. GROMYKO DODGED QUESTIONS ALL DAY ABOUT THE SHCHARANSKY TRIAL. WHEN HE WAS FINALLY

CORNERED AND THE QUESTIONS ASKED, HE RESPONDED COLDLY, "I DO NOT WANT TO DISCUSS THAT MATTER," THEN DISMISSED THE REPORTER CURTLY WITH THE COMMENT, "YOU UNDERSTAND ME CORRECTLY?" CHRISTOPHER

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